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PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS IN POLAND

During November, the total value of chemical products, according to basic prices, amounted to 98.2 million zlotys. This exceeds the value of production for October by 3.7 percent. Thus from a standpoint of value, the highest level of production was achieved. The plan was completed 123 percent.

In almost all of the more important articles the quantitative plan was exceeded by 9 and 37 percent. The percentages achieved were unusually high in the following: nitrogen, 35.7 percent; tar products, 25.8 percent; pigments, 27.8 percent; oxygen, 36.9 percent; ultra-marine, 20 percent.

The soda and hydrochloric acid sections did not reach planned production.

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CHEMICAL PLANT OF THE WARSAW GASWORKS -- Rzeczpospolita i Dziennik Gospodarczy, No 354, 24-26 Dec 48

The chemical plant of the Warsaw Gasworks, employing 30 persons, is important as a producer of coal derivatives. There are five divisions in full operation: tar, benzol, carbolic acid, naphthalene, and ammonia. Engineers Karbowski and Borkowski are in charge.

The original pumps were carried away by the Germans, and those now used are not suited to the operation. Nevertheless, production of tar has been increasing steadily -- 1,725 tons in 1946, 3,000 in 1947, and 4,170 in 1948. Production of refined benzol is at the prewar level. Phenol production has increased threefold over prewar. Production of prepared tar in 1948 was 1,800 tons; pitch, 700 tons; impregnating oils, 230; "carbolineum," 170; anhydrous ammonia, 9 tons.

New investment in the plant has provided for the creation of new products, including higher carbolic acids from xylenol fractions for the textile industry. In recent months the factory exploiting oil by-products of the coke-chemical industry put "Elborit" on the market. This preparation is used for insulation against dampness. Production was also started on "Mazyl," used to restore insulation which has deteriorated.

ALCOHOL -- Rzeczpospolita i Dziennik Gospodarczy, No 347, 17 Dec 48

As of 1 October 1948, the sale of 100-proof alcohol for technical, industrial, medicinal, and fuel purposes reached nearly 8 million liters. Planned 1949 production of alcohol for other than human consumption is 51 million liters. During 1948, plants for dehydrating alcohol have been started. Anhydrous alcohol used in motor fuels saves consumption of gasoline and gives a valuable product especially suitable for farm tractors.

RESIN PRODUCTION -- Rzeczpospolita i Dziennik Gospodarczy, No 354, 24-26 Dec 48

The State Forests Management in the Gdansk region has attained second place in Poland in the production of resin. During 1948, over 750,000 kilograms of resin was obtained from this region, i.e., 200 percent of the plan. This will permit Poland to export 300 tons of turpentine and to reduce substantially the imports of resin.

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